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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants are submitting herewith copies of references cited in Applicants' parent application serial no. 09/250,047, filed February 12, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,265,466 issued July 7, 2001. Each of the references are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in this application.

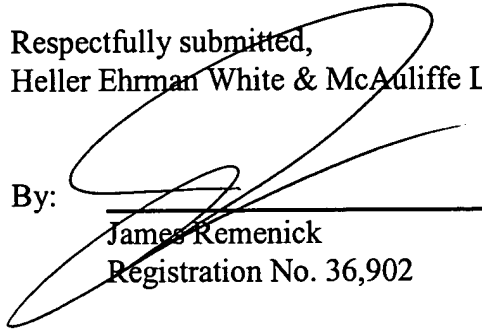
Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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